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Sir:

REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION OF PETITION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.47(a)

This filing is a response to the Decision Refusing Status Under 37 C.F.R. 1.47(a) by the Office of Petitions mailed June 27, 2007. Please consider the following remarks and the Inventor's Declaration submitted herewith.

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REMARKS

This paper is being filed as required by the Office of Petitions in response to its dismissal of a Petition Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.47(a), in order to prevent abandonment of the application captioned above.

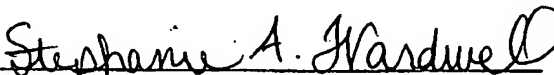
As required by the Decision Refusing Status Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.47(a) by the Office of Petitions mailed June 27, 2007, Applicants have performed a renewed search for an address for a non-signing inventor, Ms. Debra Moore-Smith. After finding her address, a copy of the specification, including the claims and drawings, and the previously filed Inventors' Declaration were sent to her. She has since responded to our request for her signature on an Inventor's Declaration and the newly signed declaration is enclosed herewith. Thus, the petition is now moot.

If there are any questions regarding this response or the newly signed Inventor's Declaration, a telephone call to the undersigned would be appreciated to efficiently advance the prosecution of this application.

If necessary to effect a timely response, this paper should be considered as a petition for an Extension of Time sufficient to effect a timely response; please charge any deficiency in fees or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 50-0310 (067949-5010-US03).

Respectfully submitted,

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